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In re: Bentley et al.  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated December 18, 2000, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533  
(Notice to File Missing Parts of Application)
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☐ Executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(k)) fee for filing late.
- ☐ Other:

Any additional fee or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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